

Prince George SFMP Public Advisory Group
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM, September 15, 2005
Civic Centre (Room 201-203), Prince George, BC

MINUTES

In Attendance:

Public Representatives
& Alternates, and First
Nations:

Joseph Gagne
Norm Holt

Bonnie Hoogie
Virginia Karr
Dave King
Anne Migvar
Del Myers

Esther Perry
Ken Pickering
Earl Pickett
Dave Stevenson

Observers: Len Shankel

Licensee Steering Committee:

Chair: David Jewesson - Winton Global
Kerry Deschamps - Canfor
Cecil Gray – Lakeland Mills Ltd.
Shane Neukomm – Carrier Lumber Ltd.
Tim Sproule - BCTS
Steve Webb - BCTS

Advisors: Shannon Carson
Rhonda Thibeault

Facilitator: Roxanne Yanishewski (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

Scribe: Anthony Giannotti (Roxanne Yanishewski & Associates)

1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Welcome by chair of Licensee Steering Committee.
- b. Reviewed PAG April 23rd, 2005 meeting evaluation results.

2. Reviewed Agenda

- a. Agenda accepted.

3. Reviewed Minutes

- a. PAG adopted the April 23rd, 2005 minutes as written.

4. Update Actions

- a. See updated Action Table.

5. Comments on SFMP – Dave Jewesson introduced the SFMP and invited comments from the public:

- a. Would like an indicator to address “wind firm.” (Ken Pickering)
- b. Will this SFMP cover already approved cutblocks that have not yet been approved? – Yes
- c. Clarify where objectives meet legislated standards versus going beyond legislated standards. (Dave Stevenson)
- d. Ensure that wildlife corridors are maintained between licensees’ areas, that is, they are contiguous. (Virginia Karr)
- e. Ensure reasonable access for other users. (Joe Gagne)
- f. Where needed for environmental reasons, ensure roads are deactivated and remain deactivated. (Dave King)
- g. Access management is needed for the Prince George area. (Joe Gagne)
- h. Would like logging up to private property (instead of leaving a buffer zone of trees) so that timber does not fall on fences. (Anne Migvar)
- i. Would like grass seeded in active blocks when these blocks are in range land. (Anne Migvar)
- j. Do not plant alien species. (Bonnie Hooge)
- k. Leave tree buffers where the trees are windfirm against private property. (Virginia Karr)
- l. The SFMP fails to and should note that there is a mineral lick (used by caribou and moose) in the Anzac valley. (Ken Pickering)
- m. SFMP should identify factors that may put the SFMP at risk, for example, small scale salvage logging. (Dave King)
- n. When forecasting, state the ramifications for each of the indicator in going below the legislated standards. (Dave Stevenson)
- o. When forecasting, avoid using targets which are so low as to be meaningless, for example, lowered amounts of Course Woody Debris. (Dave Stevenson)
- p. Do not consider Course Woody Debris located off the block in calculating Course Woody Debris on the block. (Dave King)

- q. (Pg. 24; “Forecasting and Predicting Trends: ... Higher levels of retention would also increase fragmentation of the landscape, making patch size distribution objectives more difficult to achieve.”) Concern that the higher levels of retention cannot increase patch size distribution nor increase fragmentation. (Dave Stevenson)
- r. Use of herbicides for deciduous should be minimized as it impacts on food sources for animals. (Joe Gagne)
- s. Herbicides should never be used. (Virginia Karr)
- t. Describe actions to be taken to move towards the Old Interior Forest targets. (Dave Stevenson)
- u. (Pg. 17-8; Table 2; Old Interior Forest.) Clarify the meaning of “+100%” in unit A8. (Dave Stevenson)
- v. Describe actions to be taken to move towards Young Patch Size Distribution targets. (Dave Stevenson)
- w. Update Caribou winter range information once the government releases the Caribou Recovery plans. (Dave King)
- x. (Pg. 29, para. 2, second sentence) Clarify “forest ecosystem productivity.” (Dave Stevenson)
- y. Concern that the process used in developing this SFMP was not as open (i.e., failed to record concerns of individuals in meeting minutes) as other SFMP processes. (Dave Stevenson)
- z. Concern that the rights of other licensees, such as trappers, water users, farmers, etc., are not considered in the planning process and that these individuals are not contacted during the planning process. (Virginia Karr)
- aa. Concern that the forecasting scenarios failed to consider the impacts on other users, e.g., trappers, water users, etc. (Virginia Karr)
- bb. (Pg. 70, fig. 2) Concern that the graph appears “silly” as it makes the PAG appear naïve. Suggest projecting to only 50 years instead of 250 years. (Virginia Karr)
- cc. As a means of allowing the public to assess how much royalty is being paid to Victoria, the public should be provided with information about the amount of volume removed from the permitted area and the net stumpage paid to the crown. (Norm Holt)
- dd. Would like to know the percentage of volume cut by each licensee in the DFA. (Dave Stevenson)
- ee. Clarify Canadian Forest Product Ltd.’s “other environmental requirements” and make these available to the public. (Dave Stevenson)
- ff. Provide more information about Carrier Lumber Ltd.’s “Environmental Policy” and make it available to the public. (Dave Stevenson)

- gg. Clarify what is meant by Winton Global Lumber Ltd.'s "minimizing adverse environmental impacts and striving to prevent pollution". (Dave Stevenson)
- hh. (App. 7: "Species at Risk in the Prince George Defined Forest Area") Make the table easier to use by adding "g- rank" to the heading "Global Status" and "s- rank" to the heading "Provincial Status", re-titling "Provincial Status" to be "Provincial Conservation Status", and re-titling "BC Status" as "BC List Status." (Dave Stevenson)
- ii. Appreciation for the hard work of the licensees in developing this SFMP. (Virginia Karr)

6. Continuous Improvement Matrix (CI Matrix)

- a. CI Matrix distributed to PAG members. PAG members ranked each of the twelve issues in order from most to least important to act as a guide to Licensee Steering Committee.
- b. Results to be distributed prior to the next meeting.

7. Presentation and Discussion on Forecasting Analysis

- a. Kerry provided an overview of the base case and scenarios to be modeled.
- b. Due to the difficulty in modeling the community benefits scenario, this was not modeled. However, community benefits will be estimated based on jobs / m3 of cut, similar to the Timber Supply Review socio-economic analysis.
- c. The scenario regarding the protection of water values was expanded to include increased biodiversity (e.g., increased riparian, wildlife tree patches and landscape reserves) throughout the DFA.
- d. Number of scenarios forecasted is restricted by costs.
- e. Forest Ecosystem Solutions was hired to run the scenarios. The FSOS model was used for forecasting the models.
- f. Results of modeling will be presented at the next meeting.

8. Licensees and BCTS Certification Update:

- a. Licensees and BCTS (Prince George) seeking CSA certification as per distributed schedule.
- b. The auditors may contact PAG members individually.

9. Other

- a. Forest Products Association National meeting – Canfor invited five PAG members to participate. Betty Abbs presented to the four participants

(mainly from the eastern provinces and the United States) on the PAG and PAG members accompanied the tour participants on the field and mill tour. The FPAC participants were impressed with the level of public participation in the PAG.

- b. Prince George Land and Resource Management Plan field tour – Tour information provided by Shannon Carson (Integrated Land Management Bureau – formerly known as the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management): Prince George SFMP PAG members invited to participate in the tour on October 22nd, 2005. Anyone wishing to participate in the tour should inform Shannon Carson (565-4465 or Shannon.Carson@gov.bc.ca) by October 4th, 2005.

10. Evaluation forms completed

11. Next meeting

- a. Agenda:
- i. Forecasting options and selection
 - ii. Continuous Improvement Matrix
- b. Time: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
- c. Date: Saturday, September 24th, 2005
- d. Place: Room 2004, Civic Centre

12. Actions

ID#	ACTION	WHO	DEADLINE	STATUS
Nov 18 -02	Report back on ADA and Crown land within City limits when it is appropriate in the plan.	Steering Committee	September 2005	Ongoing – Will be reviewed during the modeling and forecasting phase.
Dec 9 – 04	Find Representative for Commercial Fishing sector.	Steering Committee	Jan 15, 2005	Sector to be removed during the next review of the ToR.
Mar 12 – 05	Respond to PAG recommendation to develop communication plan within DFA with special attention to rural communities. (See <i>Accepting Society's Responsibility for Sustainable Development</i>).	Steering Committee	September 2005	Completed (already in Continuous Improvement Matrix)
Mar 31 - 01	Clarify the origin of the definitions in the final version of the PAG glossary (i.e., MoF, CSA,	Steering Committee	September 2005	Completed

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	and PAG).			
Apr 23 - 01	Make consistent the comments for indicator 2.2.A.a.v "amount of landscape level biodiversity reserves within the DFA: "Refers to OGMA's and areas not managed by MoF (parks, recreation areas, new protected areas, new protected areas, Herrick Old Growth Reserve).	Steering Committee	May 1, 2005	Completed
Apr 23 - 02	Add the word "be" to the comments of indicator 5.1.A.b.xii.	Steering Committee	May 1, 2005	Completed
Apr 23 - 03	Update the wording in the performance matrix for duplicate indicators (5.1.A.a.iii & 4.1.A.a.iii and others).	Steering Committee	May 1, 2005	Completed
Apr 23 -04	Review and clean up the wording in "Comments" column of the performance matrix. Highlight any changes made.	Steering Committee	May 1, 2005	Completed
Sept 15-01	Distribute results CI Matrix ranking prior to the next PAG meeting.	Steering Committee	September 21, 2005	
Sept 15-02	Distribute public comments on the SFMP and licensee responses.	Steering Committee	September 24, 2005	